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Dearest Ma:-

Your letter of May 7<sup>th</sup>. has come to me here and I am delighted to have it. I suppose some of the mail has been lost here in Europe too — I got a few letters from E. when I was back in <sup>in April</sup> Anacapri, that she had sent me in January. Capri P.O. probably has others — for it's a place of many visitors and

short visits and mail would be held up. So we quit!

I am glad the winter proved a fairly easy one. We had a glorious time of it in Capri — at least E. did and I used my rain coat almost not at all in my travels. The spring is very late and my travels have kept me among apple blossoms almost continually since March, for I've come north steadily and slowly.

Scotland seems less likely now and Somersetshire or Nor-



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way rather more likely. Christiania perhaps, while <sup>I</sup> ~~would~~  
 a school in Norway and a school in Iceland if there are boats. You must be getting accustomed to the nomadic appearances of our plans, but they never will hold for longer than two months so it's hardly more than a speculative value that attaches to them at the distance of 6 months from their realization.

I have had two large letters

from Richard. He is having, I gather an extraordinarily happy time and I'm not surprised.

Getting what you want always makes you firmer at rejecting all that isn't what you want - and Richard always seemed to me to suffer from taking what he didn't like, too much. If he's as critical of his new friends as of his old there's not much to worry about.

I am finding work very much easier and more agreeable here than in Italy, of course,



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and am really <sup>3</sup>  
thoroughly enjoying  
it. I've finished 3  
Dublin schools, and a school in  
Cork and in Galway. Tomorrow  
we go to Belfast and then  
back to Paris.

Eleanor and Yo are coming  
sooner than I had expected  
and I've only about 10 days  
more without them, for they  
sh'd be getting up by June 1st  
at the latest. She's sent you  
some pictures I presume: I only  
have single copies and I'm

loath to miss any of them. I shall then be as content as I am busy: now it's mostly busy.

Ireland is settling down rather remarkably. Yesterday I had an audience with the President of the Free State Mr Cosgrave. He was very young and natural in his manner, and seemed not at all the wild Irishman of song and story.

It's a wonderfully green place and it seems to rain all the time. In Cork last Sun.



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day I went on  
a run out to  
Blarney Castle and it amused  
me to think of the pleasure  
Fanny Smith would have  
taken to see me kissing the  
stone! The country has flavor  
— there's no doubt of that —  
a Priest who'll wink at you  
and suggest a bit o' whiskey  
at 10 AM ... and many  
amusing stories.

I'll be sending you a check  
for \$100 in June.

I enclose a telegram blank  
to show you the fuss and  
 bother they make over the  
Irish language. I feel as  
though a letter in one  
more language over my  
disk in Paris would bring  
down the salt tears.

I'm hoping that a  
little present to the Grand-  
mother's may turn out



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successfully —  
some movies of  
the baby which you could  
have a whack at and then  
pass them on to Mrs Barous  
on the other coast. Here  
address by the way is:

2821 Hillegass St  
Berkeley.

I'd get Faith to take them  
back if they come out decently.

I must stop to go look  
at another hospital —

Your loving son  
Alan.